National Clean Diesel Campaign Clean Diesel Programs

FY09 Clean Diesel Program - Program Overview Sheila Batka U.S. EPA Region 5 batka.sheila@epa.gov



Why Clean Diesel?

- Reducing diesel emissions is one of our country's most important air quality challenges
- Diesel engines are the workhorses of the nation
 - millions of diesel engines already in use continue to emit large amounts of nitrogen oxides (NOx), particulate matter (PM) and air toxics
 - Urban, suburban and rural locations
- These emissions are linked, every year, to:
 - premature deaths
 - asthma attacks
 - lost work days
 - many other health impacts
- Clean diesel projects offer immediate public health and air quality benefits, especially important in areas of poor air quality such as nonattainment areas



What is DERA? Legislation Re-Cap

- Authorization: Energy Policy Act of 2005
 - Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA)
 - Subtitle G, Sections 791-797
 - \$200 Million/year for five years
 - In 2008, \$49.2 Million Appropriated
 - Projected for 2009, also \$49.2 Million
 - Stimulus Package (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 Funding) information separate monies
 - Allows for implementation rather than demonstration
 - Prior Clean School Bus USA funds (2003+) were "Demonstration Projects"
 - Watch EPA's web site for more information!

www.epa.gov/cleandiesel



Current Status of Stimulus Package

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

- President Obama signed Bill into Law on February 17, 2009
- \$789 billion economic stimulus package that includes
 - DERA Final Allocation
 - \$300M for DERA -
 - » National Competition and State Programs
 - 2% for EPA Administration
 - Part of criteria for grant competitions will be job retention/creation
 - Time frame will be fast!
 - » Recipients will be expected to have obligations to commit funds quickly within their projects



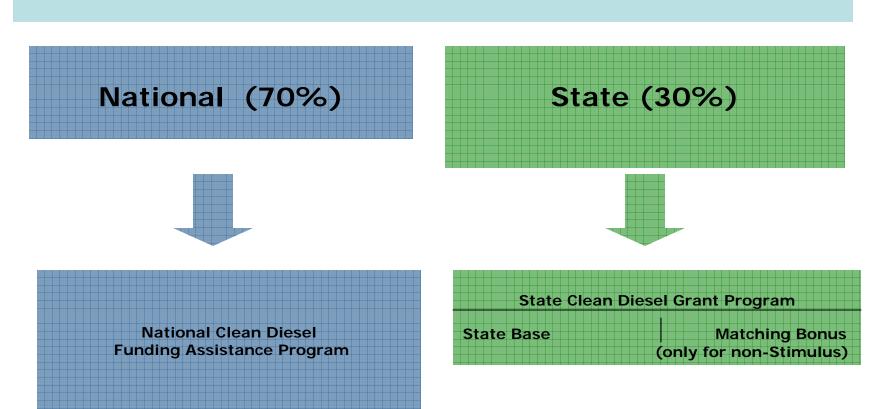
Four DERA ARRA Program Opportunities

Similar to normal DERA Funding Programs

- National Competitive RFA
- SmartWay Finance RFA
- Emerging Technologies RFA
- State Grant Allocation Program



National Clean Diesel Campaign (NCDC) Program Funding Distribution

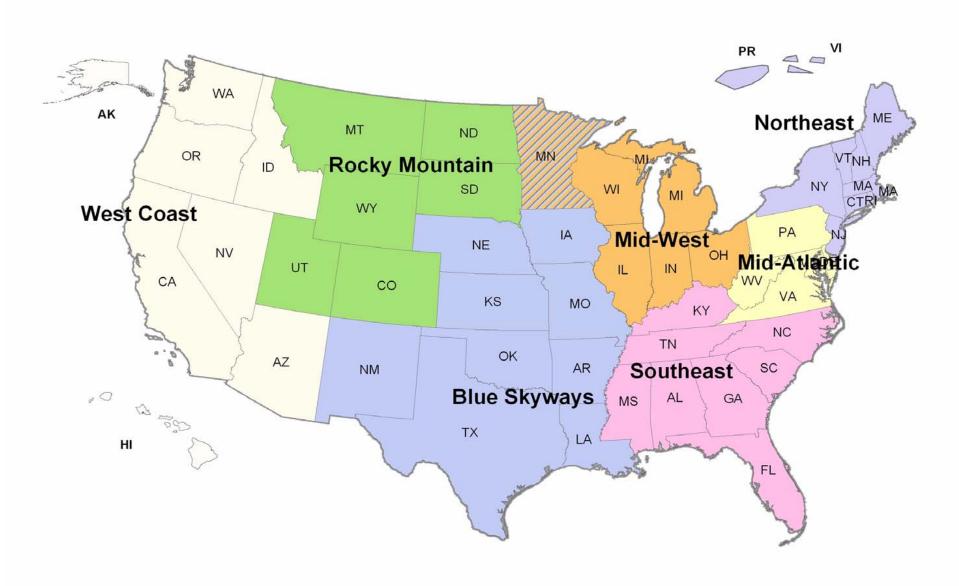


Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program

SmartWay Clean Diesel Finance Program



Regional Clean Diesel Collaboratives



Expectations for Ntl Funding Assistance Program for Region 5 under **ARRA**

- A Request for Application (RfA) under <u>ARRA</u>, not a Request for Proposal (RfP)
- One National RfA Competition for 7 Regional Collaboratives
 - Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative (MCDI) will have separate info for Region 5 (R5) applicants to follow
 - MCDI Possible Funding about \$26 Million (6 states)
 - Range for RfA Request \$500,000 to \$ 5 Million
 - Region 5/MCDI Priorities should be followed closely
 - No overall match is required (but leveraging/match is highly desired), except for specific technologies outlined in RfA (i.e., replacements, engine repowers)

Expectations for Ntl Funding Assistance Program for Region 5 under **ARRA**

- One National RfA Competition for 7 Regional Collaboratives (continued)
 - Very short turnaround time for application and award (RfA may only be out for 30 or 45 days)
 - Since an RfA, likely required to have many more federal forms signed and submitted with workplan and budget than with an RfP
 - National RfA Competition likely published in early March, 2009
 - Reporting after award likely to be similar to past grants, except will include jobs created/retained
 - EPA will develop guidance for applicants to use



Recent History: FY 08 Funding and Award Overview

- National Funding Assistance Program (\$27.6M)
 - Over 230 applications requesting approx. \$144 million
 - \$5 requested for every available dollar
 - Approximately 58 grants are being awarded nationwide through EPA's seven Regional grant competitions
- Emerging Technologies (\$3.4M)
 - Nationwide RFP
 - Applicants must choose a technology from "Emerging Technologies List"
 - 14 applications came in requesting \$10 million
 - Expect to award 5-7 grants in next two months



FY 08 Funding Overview

- SmartWay Clean Diesel Finance Program (\$3.4M)
 - Innovative loan program designed to "recycle" funds
 - 3 Grants Awarded:
 - Making loans to small trucking firms for equipment to lower fuel costs and shrink their carbon footprints
- State Clean Diesel Program (\$14.8M)
 - For FY08 State Program was funded at
 - All 50 States are participating in the program
 - State grants range from approx. \$197K to \$492K (w/State match)
 - State matching funds leveraged approx \$7M in additional funding



Outlook for **FY 09** Funding

- There likely will be additional funds for clean diesel projects later
- Number of competitions through EPA Regional Offices
 - 7 Regional competitions instead on 1 National
 - Likely will be an RfP from MCDI
 - Total last year was \$5 Million in \$100,000 to \$750,000 range
 - Every State plus D.C., Tribes, Territories covered
 - Same eligible entities as last year can apply
 - Non-profits (air, education, transportation)
 - Local/State/Regional/Tribal governments
- SmartWay Clean Diesel Finance Program Competition
- Emerging Technologies Program Competition
- PLUS non-competitive State Clean Diesel Grant program



Do THIS WEEK (& near future)!

Some RfAs will likely be open for short time (~30-45 days during March timeframe), so....

- Communicate with potential partners!
- Explore clean diesel projects (fleets & technologies)
 - Some RfAs will focus on larger scale projects
- Get Federal Grant application materials together now (can download from EPA's web site)
 - Register at grants.gov IMMEDIATELY!
 - Download all required forms ASAP
 - Get financial/grants people familiar with them
 - See EPA's Sample Proposal for FY 08
- Get fleet information together IMMEDIATELY!
- Watch EPA's web site for links to <u>recovery.gov</u> web site & open RFAs

Resources

National Clean Diesel Campaign

- www.epa.gov/cleandiesel
- State & local government tools & resources
- Diesel retrofit tech. verification list
- Idle reduction technologies
- Cost-effectiveness of retrofits
- Diesel emission quantifier (DEQ)
- Sample proposal (& in packet)
- FY 08 nationally awarded grants
- Grants.gov & recovery.gov web
 - Forms & Explanations

Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative (MCDI)

- www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel
- Technical expertise
- Project Officers to answer paperwork questions
- FY 08 regionally awarded grants
- Some information on Regional Priorities

Michigan Clean Diesel Initiative (MiCDI)

- Technical & Programmatic Expertise
- •Knowledge of in-state available & interested partners



Conclusion

- Good luck!
- Thank you for your time and consideration.
- Visit <u>www.epa.gov/cleandiesel</u> or <u>www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel</u>
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